

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

TERESA STRINGER, KAREN BROOKS,
WILLIAM PAPANIA, JAYNE NEWTON,
MENACHEM LANDA, ANDREA
ELIASON, BRANDON LANE, DEBBIE
O'CONNOR, MICHELLE WILLIAMS and
WAYNE BALNICKI, Individually and on
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

NISSAN OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. and
NISSAN MOTOR CO., LTD.

Defendants.

Case No. 3:21-cv-00099

CLASS ACTION

District Judge William L. Campbell
Courtroom A826
Magistrate Judge Barbara D. Holmes
Courtroom 764

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

**JOINT MOTION REGARDING CLAIM FORMS TRANSMITTED
TO THE COURT FROM PUTATIVE CLASS MEMBERS**

Plaintiffs, through the undersigned Co-Lead Class Counsel and Defendant Nissan North America, Inc. ("Nissan" and collectively, the "Parties"), respectfully move the Court for an order governing the process of handling Claim Forms including supplemental materials attached in support thereof ("Claim Forms") transmitted directly to the Court from putative class members in connection with the proposed class action settlement. As grounds therefore, the Parties state:

On October 13, 2021, the Court granted preliminary approval to the proposed class settlement in this case. The preliminary approval order appointed Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC ("KCC") as the Settlement Administrator, and directed KCC to provide the approved notice to members of the settlement class and handle claims and communications with the class. The final approval hearing is scheduled for March 21, 2022.

The Parties are aware that this Court has received a number of Claim Forms that putative class members have erroneously sent directly to the Court, notwithstanding that the notices sent to class members, the settlement website, and other materials clearly advised class members that claim forms are to be submitted to the Settlement Administrator, KCC, for review and handling, rather than sent to the Court. Although the vast majority of claims have been submitted to KCC (either on paper or electronically through the official settlement website), the sending of some claim forms directly to the Court has placed an inappropriate and unanticipated burden on the Court.

The Court has filed these Claim Forms into the record, and the Parties recognize the need to have an efficient process to handle these Claim Forms to protect the personal information contained therein and to manage the information contained in the Claim Forms. The Parties have conferred and believe that the solution to this problem is for the Court to issue an Order providing that Claim Forms will no longer be accepted for filing in the case docket, that those Claim Forms already filed will be removed from the docket in order to protect the personal information contained therein, that those Claim Forms already filed will be provided to KCC, and that Claim Forms mistakenly transmitted to the Court in the future will be periodically bundled and provided to KCC for processing.

As such, the Parties seek an Order directing:

1. Claim Forms sent directly to the Court by putative class members will no longer be accepted for filing.
2. Claim Forms that have been previously filed will be removed from the docket in order to protect the personal information contained therein.

3. Claim Forms that have been previously filed will be transmitted by the Court to the Settlement Administrator, Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC (“KCC”). Such Claim Forms will be sent to KCC by regular mail at the following address:

Stringer v. Nissan North America Settlement Administrator
P.O. Box 43514
Providence, RI 02940-3514

4. Going forward, all Claim Forms received by the Court directly from putative class members shall be periodically sent to KCC by regular mail at the above address.

Wherefore, in order to promote judicial economy and expediency, the Parties respectfully submit this Motion. A Proposed Order is submitted simultaneously with this Joint Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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